(a) whether it is a fact that a number of chemical fertilizers, insecticide and chemicals are still being used in India but the same have been banned in other countries of the world due to their harmful effects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) While there are no chemical fertilizers in use in India, which have been banned abroad, there are a number of insecticides and chemicals, which have been banned in one or more countries but which are still in use in India. Countries permit or ban the use of chemicals and pesticides depending on, *inter alia*, the prevailing environmental and agro-climatic conditions. In India, Expert Committees are appointed from time to time to study the data on various parameters of toxicology and based on their recommendations, the particular insecticides/chemicals are banned on their use restricted.

LNG projects

3426. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the LNG projects;

(b) whether the Department of Fertilizers has set up a core group to suggest a national strategy on Liquified Natural Gas usage;

(c) if so, the strategy suggested by the core group; and

(d) the details of proposed import plan of LNG and agreements made/ proposed to be made in this regard and countries offering LNG?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) A list of LNG project initiatives is enclosed in the statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Government had constituted a Core Group of fertilizer companies to explore the possibility of import of LNG for manufacture of fertilizers. The

Core Group in its pre-feasibility report had recommended setting up of a 7 million tonne per annum LNG project, basically for fertilizer feedstock but which could also serve complementary sectors like power, domestic gas etc., to be implemented in two phases over a period of 7 1/2 years at an estimated cost of Rs. 21,832/- crore with suggested locations of the re-gasification terminal at Kishorprasad in Orissa. The Core Group has identified five countries *viz.* Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia as possible sources for importing LNG. After examination of the pre-feasibility report, Government have directed the Core Group to prepare a detailed feasibility report for setting up of an integrated chain of LNG supply in the country.

Statement

List of LNG import initiatives

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Location of Proposed Terminal
1.	Enron Internation inc.	Dabhol (Maharashtra)
2.	British Gas (BG) Plc.	Pipavav (Gujarat)
3.	Ispat Group of Industries	Kakinada (AP)
4.	Reliance Industries Ltd.	Jamnagar and Hazira (Gujarat)
5.	Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies	Hazira (Gujarat)
6.	Petronet LNG Ltd. (with Gaz de France & Rasgas)	Dehej, Gujarat
7.	Petronet LNG Ltd.	Cochin, Kerala
8.	BHP Australia	General proposal
9.	Hardy Oil, UK and Nagarajuna Holdings	Kakinada, AP
10.	Tractabel Belgium	General proposal
11.	Dakshin Bharat Energy Consortium	Ennore, Tamil Nadu
12.	Gail-Tata Total	Trombay, Maharashtra
13.	Consortium of Fertilizer Companies	Kishorprasad, Orissa
14.	Al-Manhal	Gopalpur, Orissa

Subsidy to Fertilizer Companies

3427. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of subsidy given to fertilizer companies from 1996 till this year, year-wise and State-wise;